

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A receiving apparatus, for receiving digital information, and for outputting it into a printer, comprising:

a receiving circuit for receiving said digital information;

an extractor circuit for extracting static image information from said digital information;

a recording/reproducing circuit for recording therein the extracted static image information; and

an output circuit for outputting the static image information reproduced from said recording/reproducing circuit to the printer, with copy control information added thereto, as information for control of printing of said printer, wherein:

said copy control information is applicable, in common, both as information for copy control in a recording/reproducing circuit and as information for printing control in said printer, and

printing of said digital information is controlled based upon said copy control information, by the printer receiving the digital information and the copy control information, which are output by the output circuit, in such a manner that:

(1) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said copy control information would permit making a copy of said digital information;

(2) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said digital information has been obtained by permissible copying but copy control information would permit no further copying of said digital information; and

(3) the printing of said digital information is disabled when said copy control information completely inhibits the copying of said digital information.

2. (Previously presented) The receiving apparatus, as described in claim 1, further comprising:

a converter circuit for converting said static image information into data for use in printing, wherein

said output circuit adds the copy control information to said data for use in printing, so as to output it.

3. (Previously presented) The receiving apparatus, as described in claim 1, wherein said output circuit scrambles said static image information depending upon the copy control information, so as to output it.

4. (Previously presented) The receiving apparatus, as described in claim 1, wherein said digital information is digital image information.

5. (Currently amended) A printer for printing digital information inputted from a recording/reproducing apparatus, comprising:

an input circuit for ~~inputting~~ receiving an input of said digital information and associated copy control information from the recording/reproducing apparatus;

a printer circuit for printing the input digital information; and

a control circuit for detecting the copy control information ~~added to~~ received with said digital information, ~~thereby to control~~ and for controlling the printing of the input digital information in said printer circuit depending upon the detected copy control information, wherein:

said copy control information is applicable, in common, both as information for copy control in said recording/reproducing circuit and as information for printing control in said printer, and

said control circuit controls printing of said digital information based upon the detected copy control information, in such a manner that:

(1) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said copy control information would permit making a copy of said digital information;

(2) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said digital information has been obtained by permissible copying but copy control information would permit no further copying of said digital information; and

(3) the printing of said digital information is disabled when said copy control information completely inhibits the copying of said digital information.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The printer, as described in claim 5, ~~wherein~~ wherein:
the received digital information is scrambled, and

said input circuit performs de-scrambling on the scrambled digital information ~~inputted~~
~~with scrambling thereon~~.

8. (Currently amended) A printing control method, for controlling printing of digital information in a printer, comprising steps of:

~~inputting~~ receiving an input of digital information and associated copy control information, at the printer, from a recording/reproducing apparatus;

detecting the copy control information, ~~which has been added to~~ associated with said digital information, wherein said copy control information is applicable, in common, both as information for copy control in a recording/reproducing circuit and as information for printing control; and

controlling whether or not to permit the ~~printing of printer to print~~ said digital information depending upon the detected copy control information wherein printing of said digital information is controlled based upon said copy control information in such a manner that:

- (1) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said copy control information would permit making a copy of said digital information;
- (2) the printing of said digital information is allowed when said digital information has been obtained by permissible copying but copy control information would permit no further copying of said digital information; and
- (3) the printing of said digital information is disabled when said copy control information completely inhibits the copying of said digital information.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The printing control method, as described in claim 8, wherein no data for use in printing is outputted when said copy control information does not permit the printing.

11. (Previously presented) The printing control method, as described in claim 8, further comprising informing a user that said digital information cannot be printed out, when said copy control information does not permit the printing.

12. (Previously presented) The printing control method, as described in claim 8, wherein transmission of print data in the printing of said digital data is conducted by “move” thereof.

13. (Currently amended) The printing control method, as described in claim 8, wherein the printing is ~~performed~~ permitted when said copy control information is either one of “Copy Free”, “Copy One Generation” and “No More Copy”, allowing a “move”, and on the other hand the printing is not performed when said copy control information is “Copy Never” not allowing the “move”.

14. (Previously presented) The receiving apparatus, as described in claim 1, further comprising a temporary buffer, a print screen selecting means, and means for initiating said print screen selecting means, wherein a print screen is selected from the digital information stored in said temporary buffer for use of printing by means of said print screen selecting means.

15. (Currently amended) The printer, as described in claim 5, wherein said control circuit deletes the digital information stored from storage within the printer, when the printing is completed without generating an abnormality during the printing.

16. (Currently amended) The printer, as described in claim 5, wherein said control circuit prints out the digital information ~~stored~~ from storage within the printer, again, when an abnormality occurs during the printing.

17. (Previously presented) The printer, as described in claim 5, further comprising a display circuit for indicating whether the printing is completed normally or not, wherein said display circuit displays that the printing is failed when the printing is failed.

18. (Previously presented) The printer, as described in claim 17, wherein said control circuit makes setting on whether the printing should be done or not, again, depending upon a user input conducted to the input circuit, which is made responding to display by means of the display circuit.

19. (Previously presented) The printer, as described in claim 5, wherein said control circuit informs that the printing is failed, to a digital apparatus, which outputs the print data, when the printing is failed.

20. (Previously presented) The receiving apparatus, as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a display circuit for indicating a print failure message when receiving information of print failure from the printer.

21. (New) The receiving apparatus of claim 4, wherein:

the receiving circuit is configured to receive digital video information as the digital image information; and

the extractor circuit is configured to extract a portion of the received video information representing a static image, as the static image information.

22. (New) The printing control method of claim 8, wherein:

the received digital information comprises static image information extracted from video information processed by the recording/reproducing apparatus; and

the associated copy control information is related to copy control information associated with the video information processed by the recording/reproducing apparatus.